(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, since when telephone tapping has been stopped by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) At present, interception of Telephone messages is permissible only under Section 5(2) of Indian Telegraph Act, by authorised officers of Central and State Government under certain specific condition. Department of Telecom, only extends technical facilities when specifically requested by such authorised officers under these provisions of the Act.

Withdrawal of transit facilities by Pakistan

*154. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan has withdrawn the transit facilities available to the Indian passengers in its International Airports;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government have sent any letter of protest to the Pakistan Government in this matter and if so, what is Pakistan Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether there is likely to be any change in the schedule for the meetings of the two Foreign Secretaries in view of gross violation of Visa agreements and Joint Commissions decisions and also Pakistan's charge of transit facilities being misused by Indian intelligence agents?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

Statement

(a) to (c) The Government of Pakistan has withdrawn transit facilities for Indian nationals who arrive at Pakistani airports without obtaining a visa in advance. Such facilities, however, are not covered under the existing visa agreement between India and Pakistan.

Reports in the Pakistani Press on the Pakistani decision stated that the decision to withdraw the transit facility was being taken because the facility was being "gravely misused" by Indian nationals and that a large number of illegal Indian immigrants had stayed back in Pakistan.

Government rejected the allegation of misuse of the transit facility and denied the charge that a large number of Indian nationals had illegally stayed back. The matter was also taken up with the Government of Pakistan both at Islamabad and through their High Commission in New Delhi.

There is no change in the schedule of the Foreign Secretary level meeting.

Delhi police order on tinted glasses in Vehicles

*155. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police have ordered removal of tinted glasses from all vehicles, plying in Delhi, under the Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) if so, whether the orders of the Delhi Police cover Government vehicles also;

(c) whether the Delhi Police have started challaning the erring vehicle owners; and

(d) if so, the number of challans so far made after notification of the order?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) In April, 1991, the Delhi Police warned the Delhi motorists, through a press note of prosecution from 16th May, 1991 in case of violation of the